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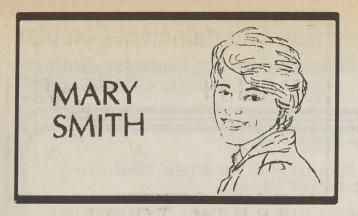
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LOVE / HATE FOR ACT UP

It seems the gay/lesbian community has developed a love/hate relationship with ACT UP. I guess I feel it, too.

On the one hand, one has to remember what the name of the group stands for: AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. Power being the operative word here. Power being something urgent and irrational at times, because time is against the people most directly involved with ACT UP. People living with AIDS. People who know they're going to die. The fear and anger associated with knowing one is going to die sooner rather than later seems to bring out a kind of fearlessness in the members and supporters of ACT UP. I respect that. I am in awe of the energy and bravery within people who might otherwise succumb to depression and denial under those circumstances.

ACT UP serves the community, although its mission is self-interest rather than community service. They make headlines and challenge stereotypes. It's hard to look at a guy dressed in black with SILENCE=DEATH, ACTION=LIFE, emblazoned on his chest and see the anger in his behavior and call him a fairy. I think that's one of the things that pisses off certain members of the straight community so much. They hate it when we don't fit their beliefs about us.

There is another side to the story, however. There is a history of groups such as this burning themselves out and hurting people in the process. The Black Panther Party in 1067-70 comes to mind.

ACT UP has become a buzz-word for negative and militant action in our own community. I recently attended a forum for a local women's group regarding political affiliations. Some of those women were scared that becoming political would mean they would become identified with groups like ACT UP. Those against the political proposal only needed to say the words ACT UP and Outing and you could sense the mood and understanding among others. Nothing else had to be said. In order to influence the group to accept

a move toward community involvement with possible political affiliations, they had to be assured that in no way could the women's decision be construed as supportive of ACT UP, Outing, or anything remotely connected.

You could surmise that maybe it was just that particular group of women. But, it ain't so.

At another political meeting I heard prominent people from the media and other gay/lesbian groups bash ACT UP for regarding political strategy and their impact on the success or failure of various causes. Nasty rumors are circulating, none of which I'll mention here because I'm not in that kind of business, but the rumors themselves indicate the degree to which people will go to distance themselves from the negative attention generated from incidents like halting the Rose Parade; shouting and horn-blasting out Secretary of Health and Human Services, Louis Sullivan; breaking in on Rev. Lou Sheldon at the Hyatt in Sacramento; and disrupting mass at St. Patricks's Cathedral.

To a certain extent, I have to agree with the ACT UP bashers. I publicly protested against some of those actions, and quietly protested against others. The actions are short-sighted attempts to grab media attention and they are extremely effective in that regard. If that was all those actions accomplished, I would have no problem. I love a good show just a much as the next person. It is exciting to watch and get caught up in. It makes you feel, just for that moment, that you are actually doing something.



And sometimes good things have come of it. ACT UP's success in getting drugs for the treatment of AIDS more available and cheaper is fantastic.

On the other hand, following the AIDS Conference in San Francisco, I read columns and editorials in the newspapers where it was being said maybe we're spending too much money on AIDS. There are other diseases needing those funds, too, they say, and people with AIDS are not "innocent victims". Sure, many were saying that kind of crap before the AIDS Conference, but the behavior of ACT UP there blew on that particular flame and now, with our budget deficit, we're seeing cuts in AIDS programs.

I would love to be able to tap the energy, talent, and commitment ACT UP has. If I could, I would redirect it into every other lesbian and/or gay organization in America. We need that kind of energy and fearlessness. We need it in our leadership and in building our army against hate and bigotry. But the rest of us don't seem to feel that same sense of urgency. We know we're in this fight for the long haul and so the strategy is quite different; more mundane, less exciting. It just doesn't attract the crowds and attention in the same way; a dilemma for us, since we need that kind of drama to grab the attention of people in our own community and get them involved.

Sometimes I love ACT UP. And sometimes I wish they would just go away. But mostly I wish we could come together for the benefit of us all. You never know. It could happen.

RALPH and there is more...



TRUTH TO TELL

"Truth To tell.." the expression goes. It seems a sad commentary on our times that people use this introductory phase before speaking what is simply true."

We seem to be in a time of great and enormous "untruth". All public opinion polls reveal that we do not believe politicians tell the truth. Certainly what has been asserted in recent political campaigns of recent years is a far cry, indeed, from the truth.

When I was growing up, or certainly in my father's time, a man's word and a handshake was sufficient to be, in effect, a "contact". A man's word "was his bond." People trusted each other. Politicians were not only "believed," but were believable. Oh, yes, there were exceptions, but those exceptions (and Senator Joseph McCarthy and his cohort, Roy Cohen come immediately to mind) generally did not last long or endure with

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their lies and untruths.

But today....We can even be lead into possible war against a small country whom our president feels has somehow threatened our basic freedoms, and even as we send troops to the middle east, we conveniently forget that less than six weeks or two months ago, that very country was a "friend" and indeed, should we end up in armed conflict, it will be with the very armaments that we have provided that our own men will be killed.

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The point, however, if not the "rightness" or lack thereof of our involvement in the Iraq-Kuwait situation; that is not my concern here, but rather, the lack of truthfulness that surrounds this whole situation. Or the lack of honesty in just why the President is insisting on a cut in capital tax rates...oh!, no, it is not to benefit the rich, but to stimulate the economy and create jobs! AND, as if that were not enough, most of the population simply, without questions, "believes that as "truth!"

Does it seem to you, sometimes, like we are (as my mother use to say) going to hell in a

handbasket? I mean, as if the rush of history, and pattern of events have somehow gotten entirely out of control--I mean, constitutionally, it is Congress that has the right and responsibility of the "declare war", and yet we've been involved in one major war and numerous smaller "conflagations" such as Panama, without Congress even being consulted...oh, yes, of course, except "after the fact."

Lyndon Johnson did at least claim an "incident" in the Bay on Tonken and go to the Congress with a request to expand military operations.....but this enormous movement of troops and equipment into the desert was fully in operation before a single word or conference with the Congress of the United States!

What does all of this have to do with the issue of truth, and truthfulness? Well, it seems that we are living in a time when the regard for truthfulness, for openness, for honesty is almost totally devalued. What matters, it now seems is that you get what you want and how you get it is simply unimportant. If it "works in the crudest sense of that word, is all that matters.

Again, what does all of this have to do with the issue of "Truth?" This is not, as you know, a political column, nor do I ever intend it to be. However, our taking a thoughtful look at some aspects of the political area is valuable for it allows us an unbiased look at our world. But, it also provides us with a mirror in which to see our own image reflected. How do you feel about our President sending our troops to "defend our American way of life" (translate: Our ravenous consumption of oil) without even making a first attempt to consult the Congress of the United States.

If the polls are to be believed, you overwhelmingly approve! And, even more dismaying, to me, at least, is the fact that you largely accept, or believe, the continuing barrage of untruths, distortions and outright lies that spew forth from the White House, the Pentagon, media and even some pulpits of our land. We've become so inured to untruth that we all too often fail to recognize truth when it stares us in the face.

The truth is that the ever expanding gluttonous consumption of all outdistances any of the other nations of the world and we truly believe that this is "right" and it is our "Right" and we will risk World War III (which is the real threat of our intervention in the Iraq-Kuwait situation) to "preserve our Rights."

What about a breath of fresh air? What about a beginning exploration of the possibility of honesty and truthfulness and---ah, rare word, now-a-days-even decency in our world! I'm for that;

are you?

But, you may ask, just what can I do about it? Well--since I am at the final extension deadline and finally doing my Income Tax--you might, next time, do your Income Tax truthfully, rather than cheating to the max. You might just tell the truth about the time you did cheat on your partner, but lied to cover it up, and beyond that, being to discover a wonderful new level of sharing and being, in which lies are not necessary. You might be a little more patient with the driver in front of you who is so incredibly slow. You could even call your mother, and even more, you just might tell her that you love her. You might gently and tenderly and, indeed, even magically, "make love" with your partner tonight, instead of just "having sex."

There's a profound "magic" in truthfulness, and we've almost forgotten that. First of all, truth works; nothing else ultimately does. And, beyond that, you will discover, as you tell the truth, that you find an essential core in you that is by its very nature, truthFULL. And even deeper, that part of you that is total love, and totally loving. THAT IS NO LIE! Your innermost being recognized only truth...and love!

The truth actually is that we are all beings of love, but as we have drifted more and more into untruthfulness and deception and deceit, we have lost touch with that fundamental core of us-of every one of us-and lost ourselves in the world of pretending and deceit. AND, been willing to settle for the same, from our government and our society.

To make it more personal, I've recently begun a most wonderful new relationship and what we are discovering and creating, at the same time, is a core of absolute and total truthfulness...and TRUST! We are discovering, or creating, if you prefer, the fact that two human beings can totally





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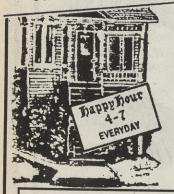
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JAMES J. WESTON

Founding editor of The Patlar, died at his home on Friday, October 19, at the age of 60. Dr. Weston, born in Prescott, Az., was reared in the ranch county of Skull Valley. later he graduated from Northern Arizona University, The University of Mexico City, Peabody College of Nashville, and earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona, Tucson,

Most recently a professor of Business Administration California State University, Sacramento, he was also a professor at Arizona, and The University of Texas. His teaching specialty was Business English. An entry in "Who's Who in The West," notes that James Weston was a member of many professional organizations, including the California Business Education Association, Omega, and Delta Pi Epsilon, and a well-known contributor to professional journals. He is survived by three brothers, Omer of Anchor Bay, Ca., Bill of Albuquerque, New Mx., and John of Irvine, Ca., numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were private. Gifts in Jim's memory made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation would be appreciated by the family, in lieu of other

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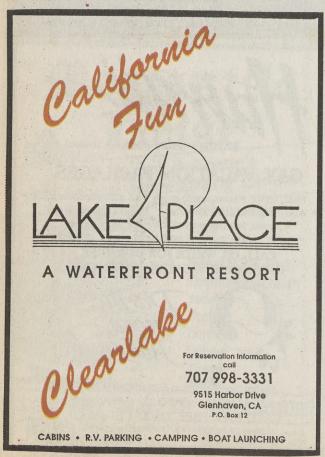
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LESBIANS AND GAY HAPPENINGS WORLDWIDE

By John Hubert

GROUP FORMS IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, India is the home of a new gay group which meets regularly on a monthly basis at a centrally located coffee shop. Both men and women are welcome for coffee and conversation at the hour-long get-together. They particularly encourage the shy to join them.

They meet the first Saturday of each month at 6:15 P.M. at the Coffee House, 2nd Floor, Mohan Singh Place, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, and new participants find the group by looking for their identifying red rose!

They also welcome correspondence from around the world. Write to them at P.O. Box 7032, Sriniwas Puri, New Delhi 110 065, India.

ARABIC SOCIETY KEEPS GROWING

The Gay and Lesbian Arabic Society (GLAS) has just published their third newsletter and established their third affiliated group in Los Angeles. The other two groups are in San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

The Los Angeles group has attracted a nice mixture of members, including Lebanese, Palestinians, Egyptians and Kuwaitis, by placing flyers on local campuses and a press release to the local media. Their address is GLAS-LA; 6019 Sunset Blvd #221; Los Angeles, CA 90028.

In San Francisco the group has added the term "Bisexual" to their name in order to appeal to more members. The full name is the Arab Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Network and they can be contacted at A.L.G.B.N.; P.O. Box 460526; San Francisco, CA. 94114.

In Washington, two GLAS-DC members participated in an Arabic talk show debate over gay Arabs. GLAS welcomes subscriptions to their newsletter at \$10.00 a year and is encouraging more groups to start in the USA and around the world.

'GLAS, provides Arab men and women with a support network a vehicle for gay Arab visibility," says Ramzi Zakharia, GLAS founder and coleader. "We reach out to lesbian and gay Arabs and build a group identity that, for the most part, does not exist."

GLAS participated in the Second Annual Arab AIDS Conference in Cairo, Egypt last March. GLAS also works with "Al Jadwal", the newsletter of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, to publish information about fighting AIDS in the Arab community.

To become a member of GLAS, open to Arabs and friends, send your \$10.00 subscription/membership fee to GLAS-DC; P.O. Box 4971; Washington, D.C. 20008.

LAMBDA POLAND OPENING DOORS

The Group Lambda of Warsaw was legally registered in February, 1990 as the national organization of polish lesbians and gay men.

Lambda has a clubhouse where members and friends can meet everyday. Every Friday is women's day and the women, mostly school girls and students, have made a wall newspaper which can only be read at the club. They hope to make a real newspaper soon.

Lambda advertises in the city's newspapers to help encourage gays and lesbians to contact them and come out of their closets. They also have a telephone service.

The members of lambda organize meetings with psychologists, sexologist, offer film shows and have a small library of foreign magazines and newsletters.

They also have discos for men and women. For more information or to offer support, write to Stowarzyszenie Grup Lambda; Al. Jerozolimskie 27 (II Pietro); Warszawa 00-508; Poland. They would appreciate receiving printed materials for their library such as group newsletters and gay news papers.

LATIN LESBIANS TO MEET IN PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico has been chosen to host the Third Latin American and CAribbean Lesbian Encuentro in 1992. The Second was held in Costa Rica this past April with over 70 delegates attending. For more information, write to ILIS, c/o COC, Rozenstraat 8, 1016 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Summer 1990 "ILIS Newsletter", produced by the International lesbian Information Service, feathers news on the December, 1990 Asian Lesbian Conference to be held in Thailand, and on Lesbians in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

The 24 page issue in English and Spanish, is available for a yearly \$15.00 fee (4 issues) which includes full membership in the ILIS> Send an international money order to the Amsterdam address.

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Comunidad "G" is the name of the new gay publication in Guatemala City. The June 1990 issue is 8 pages, with interesting articles on



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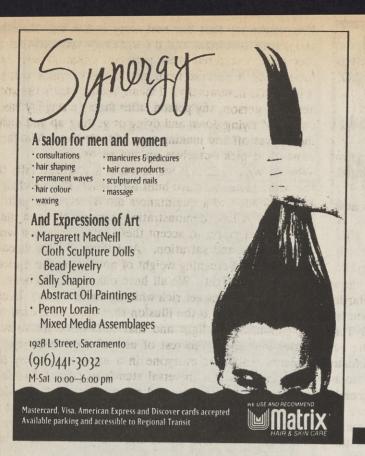
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RUSSIAN LESBIAN/GAY PAPER SELLS FAST

The International lesbian Information Service (ILIS) Summer Newsletter reports that <u>Tema</u>, the Russian newsletter for gays and lesbians prints 10,000 copies each issue which are sold to street venders in Moscow, Leningrad and Riga and are gone within a few days.

"Tema", in Russian slang, is "being in the theme", which means being involved with gay life.

"Tema" is produced by the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay men)MULGM) and they can be contacted c/o Kalinin Roman U., Do Vostrebovania, SU-103009 Moscow K-9, U S.S.R.

A BLUEPRINT FOR GAY ROMANCE

By: Cat Comiskey

The heterosexual world has many traditional laws for dating and romance. Heterosexually, it's the boy who opens the door for the girl, the boy who pays for dinner, and the boy who makes sexual advances on the girl. These rules are simple and are generally followed by the majority of the heterosexual population. Conveniently, there's not much room for error or embarrassment in the world of straight dating.

Homosexual romance however, is not as clearly defined. Since the genders are more blended, there is no blueprint for love. A young homosexual couple frequently fumble over the bar tab or awkwardly wait for their date to open the door first. Without some helpful hints, homosexuals are trapped in this anxious dating limbo. Here are some simple suggestions that can ease the complexity of gay dating:

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UNLESS YOUR DATE IS A QUADRIPLEGIC, LET HIM/HER OPEN THEIR OWN DOORS.

IF YOUR DATE HAS BAD BREATH, DISCREETLY OFFER HIM/HER ABREATH MINT OR A SURGICAL MASK.

KEEP CONVERSATION LIGHT ON THE FIRST FEW DATES. TOPICS SUCH AS BAKING, GARDENING, AND SIGHTSEEING ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE. HERPES AND YEAST INFECTIONS SHOULD NEVER BE DISCUSSED ON THE FIRST DATE.

TRY TO LOOK AS ANDROGYNOUS AS POSSIBLE ON YOUR FIRST DATE. THIS SHOWS YOUR DATE THAT YOU'RE NOT INTO PLAYING THE ROLES (THERE WILL BE PLENTY

OF TIME TO BE BUTCH OR FEMME LATER ON IN THE RELATIONSHIP).

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WHOEVER HAS THE LARGER BICEPS PAYS THE BILL.

OPT FOR DINNER AND DANCING ON THE FIRST DATE REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH YOU'D RATHER STAY HOME AND WATCH THE DOLPHIN'S GAME ON TELEVISION

SEX ON THE FIRST DATE IS A NO (A LITTLE FRIENDLY FONDLING HOWEVER, MAY BE ACCEPTABLE IN SOME CASES.)

A V O I D M A K I N G FREQUENT REFERENCES TO EX-LOVER(S).

IF YOU REALLY LIKE YOUR DATE, SEND HIM/HER A HALF DOZEN ROSES IN A COUPLE OF DAYS (A FULL DOZEN THE DAY AFTER IS MUCH TOO PUSHY).



WHINING FOR DOLLARS

I was watching one of those entertainment news shows on television the other day and I saw Mariette Hartley being interviewed about an autobiographical book she has just had published. The book, called BREAKING THE SILENCE, is about what an unhappy childhood she had and how her tumultuous life caused her to be an overeater and a substance abuser. Poor Mariette. It's hard to be sympathetic with someone who has had the successful career and life that Ms. Hartley has had. But here she was, hawking her troubled history all over national television. I hope you forgive my cynicism, but the long list of celebrities whining publicly about their unhappy lives, who are making ever-larger fortunes from their misfortunes, just seems to get longer and longer and less and less bearable. What makes these people think their troubles are interesting or unusual enough to be somehow newsworthy? I guess the answer is their bank accounts. And why do we, the consumers, sell our own experiences short while these celebrities sell themselves for cash? What is ultimately more tragic, the celebrity who panders their woeful tales to the highest bidders or the consumer who has so little respect for their own traumas that they buy these stores for the inspiration to overcome their dayto-day struggles?

We are fed the great lie here in our society that life is supposed to be all-joyful, totally painless and free of the strife and problems that everyday life is, in fact prone to. Our television shows solve all problems in tidy half hour morality tales, and Madison Avenue propagates the illusion that we should be perfect people in perfect bliss, and Our populace buys this fiction lock, stock and barrel. The sad fact is life is not provided with a laugh track; daily living is an extremely messy undertaking, and people

fall flat on their faces all the time.

Glamour and the glare of the spotlight do not make tragedy more tragic. Tragedy and pain are universal and course through the veins of every man, woman and child on this planet. The only difference between my life and that of Mariette Hartley is that I don't have the celebrity to cash in on my otherwise boring and painful existence. But don't we all have pain in our lives in some manifestation? Don't we all fall down in our attempts at creating our lives? Don't we all have tragedy and calamity in some form some time in our lives?

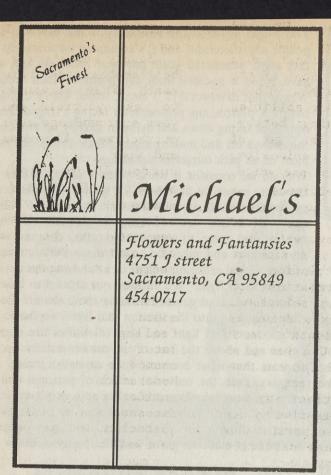
You might say that the real story is the fact that these people are successful and it's somehow inspirational that they have weathered their personal crises so well as to have made a success from the ashes of their troubles. Why is that newsworthy? I mean, really, what's the choice here? A person, any person, after facing a tragedy has the option of laying down and dying or getting up and dusting themselves off and making a go of their lives. The fact is, most of us pick ourselves up and go on.

Why do we consider it worse when a celebrity falls from the white tower we have built for them? I've watched too many friends and acquaintances die through the pain and agony of AIDS, demonstrating remarkable and heroic nobility and grace, to accept these rather common woeful tales of hurt and salvation. And these PWA's faced the inevitable and crushing weight of not having the option of winning their fight. We all have our crosses to bear; why should the famous get rich whining about theirs? Because people, buying into the illusion that-life is supposed to be all goodness and light and that celebrities are somehow better and above the rest of us, eat these tales up. appears that most everyone in a capitalist society has a pricetag, even the universal stench of personal suffering, even the most mundane and paltry pain we all experience, but only if that universal stench can be perfumed with sweet-smelling odor of celebrity, and only when the mundane is made to glitter and the paltry made to shine.

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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

We could not escape the noises being made in certain quarters. Noises proclaiming, in the name of decency, "moral fiber:, and protecting our most precious resource (our children), that Heavy Metal and related obscene, irreligious and damaging music should, no, "must" be banned! We said Hooray! Three cheers for our protectors! They are what our country needs. Why could not our founding fathers see that when they drew up our constitution?

Only, as we sat here applauding this brave and revolutionary stand, a stray thought crossed our minds: Some where in the great land of ours there must be someone who finds the music of the fifties offensive, or jazz, or classical, or music of ethnic/ nonamerican origin. They have every right to have them banned to protect their children from obscene, irreligious and damaging music.

Well, Hooray for them too! Three cheers for our protectors!

After all, it is for the good! We could turn on the radio and hear news, sports and commercials. Only what if those are found to be objectionable? Oh well, so our radios go silent? We still have our books, magazines and films.

Has it occurred to you, as it has to us, that these too can be considered objectionable by some? And what about the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the very children we wish to protect? They too can be found objectionable and will have to be banned! Impossible? Insane? Ridiculous? Thats what the world thought in the 30's and 40's; but Hitler and Stalin showed 'em, didn't they? Indeed, what is sauce for the goose well may become sauce for the gander.

MADAM X November 1990

Peace and love are theme for this dahling! the Where have all Flower Children gone? No, they didn't all just mysteriously vanish in the Bermuda Triangle. They weren't sucked into a tiny black hole somewhere in California. They are still around. Many of them disguised themselves conservatives and got It was selfjobs. defense, dear. People can not live by flower power alone. Although being too strange or far out may not be cool now, peace and love are always desirable.

To have more peace and love in the world, we must cultivate more peace and love within The outer ourselves. world is a reflection inner world of the within each of us. Let of the stress. go Be Be calm. Relax. determined to remain serene regardless of changing circumstances. self-It takes discipline. It's up to you to master your own feelings, thoughts and

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experiences. WE need to love others ourselves and our planet much more. The hope of the world is within. I have faith in our abilities to make things better. let go can animosity, grudges, intolerance, prejudice, hate and violence. As we work to improve ourselves, our world will improve with us.

This is a time to attention focus personal relationships and public relations. What are you doing to improve contact with Can you give others? more love? Can you show respect more consideration? Can you be more attentive to the needs of others? you be less difficult and more pleasant? Are you willing to make compromises? Can you diplomatic? be more If we Kind? Polite? want to have a better world in which to live. we must be willing to be better people, dear.

Have you ever noticed word the that relationship has the world "elation" in it? If elation is missing, you really don't have a relationship. Maybe what you have is a pihsnoitaler! That is spelled relationship Who really backward. needs a pihsnoitaler,

dahling? I know I don't!

Beauty and art will be emphasized this month. What can you do to make yourself and your surroundings more attractive? When you and your surroundings look better, you feel better.

surroundings look better, you feel better. Humans are beauty loving beings, dahling. When you cater to the love of beauty, even your social life improves.

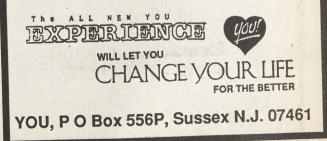
There will be an emphasis on balance this month. If you've been unbalanced feeling lately, now is your chance to correct that. Moderation is antidote for extremism. Excesses are certainly obstacles on the path to a well balanced life. Too much of a good thing is not a good thing, dahling.

Romantic restaurants and museums will be popular this month. You could find the man or woman of your dreams museum. a Alternately, you could enjoy visiting a museum with a mate you already Of special interest at this time are lovely antiques. But beware of former boyfriends girlfriends.

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I ran into an old friend in New York City not too long ago. He told me about his third divorce. I'd gone to the junior prom with him, I had no problem understanding asked me if I told him I was gay. married. asked if I lived in New York. said no, I was just on my way to Grand Central to catch a train to Connecticut. He asked me if I knew Cyro, interior decorator (naturally) who lived in Windsor. (Have you ever noticed how some people automatically assume that all gays know each other?) I told him I didn't know anyone from Windsor and I didn't think I knew anyone named Cyro. I could tell he wasn't too sure I was being honest about my sexual orientation anymore.

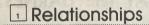
He decided to give me a little exam in order to determine if I had been pulling his leg about being gay (after all, I HAD gone to the prom with him). So he tested me on my knowledge of disco (does anybody even remember disco?), fashion (I the same sweatshirt sweatpants day in and day out), and finally, hair care (the last time the guy who does my hair saw me he screamed (yes, he's gay) and begged me not to tell a soul that I even

knew who he was).

Obviously, I failed the test miserably. But my old friend wasn't stupid. He realized he was asking me all the wrong questions; everyone knows that the above inquires should always be made only to a gay man. He immediately switched tactics. He proceeded to give me a flash quiz on topics familiar to all gay women.

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Like which gasoline is best for long mileage and my fastest time for changing a tire. It wasn't that I was trying to disappoint him; I simply know nothing about gasoline and the thought of breaking a nail (not to mention my revulsion at physical labor of any kind) has

kept me a good distance from tires. Besides, I've always managed to con someone else into doing stuff like that for me. I may be a feminist but I'm not a fool. Still, I guess my friend figured

that no one would say they were gay if they weren't, and I suppose a not-quite-up-to-snuff homosexual was better than none at all. He insisted on going somewhere for a drink. He asked if I'd prefer going down to Greenwich Village (a trick question, no doubt). Since we were on the upper East Side, I thought we might find someplace just a little bit closer. His eyes lit up. He suggested a bar where he and a number of his business associates hung out (he assured me they were all very liberal) and trotted me off, rather like a prize poodle, to be inspected by four upwardly mobile yuppies. Lets face it; Wall Street probably isn't the most exciting place in the world to spend your time, so when he introduced me as a gay activist and glanced at me nervously, I thought, what the hell, maybe the guy is desperate to prove himself, maybe people knew of his enormous collection of Roy Rogers paraphernalia. Briefly, I wondered

looked around at his four buddies. I prayed that this time my quiz would be about that 'nasty little nest of homosexuals in the White House' or the recent

if he still slept with a stuffed

horse called Trigger. But being gay

does rather obligate one to an

enormous amount of sensitivity and

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tactfulness, right?

Instead, his friends opted to go the 'Rubyfruit Jungle' route. That would have flattered Rita Mae but it didn't really do a whole lot for me. Neither did the beer they handed me, unopened and without a glass. suppose it would have been sportslike to open the bottle with my teeth or something, but I'm lousy at sports and I haven't the slightest desire to ruin perfectly good teeth for a beverage I wouldn't drink if it were served to me in a champagne glass.

I should have seen this as an indication of things to come. After telling these 'liberals' that I knew absolutely nothing about flannel work shirts, black leather motorcycles or pool tables, conversation lagged. I tried to revive it. I talked about the recent sale at Saks, the new Elizabeth Arden shop, the problems faced professional women. I even made a somewhat feeble attempt at sports. That helped until they realized that

I thought Dr. K was a drink.

One of them squeezed my leg under the table. I guess I had it coming. After all, I did have a shirt on, and a woman wearing a skirt is secretly begging to have some strange guy squeeze her kneecap with his lecherous little hands. EVERYBODY know that. All I knew was that it was time to leave. I noticed my friend looking at me sadly as the others reluctantly stood when I did. Definite proof that the old Roy Rogers stigma would not be put to rest by ME. "It's too bad Radclyffe Hall is dead," I whispered to him disconsolately.

We said goodbye and it was obvious that my handshake did not come up snuff. I played around with my ACTUP button but my friend was too dejected I sincerely hoped that to notice. he still had his stuffed horse back

at his apartment.

As I hopped into a cab for the ride to Grand Central, I felt a certain remorse. Here had been people eager to show me how modern they were, how willing to accept a gay woman as one of the guys. all I had done was make it very obvious that I not only was not one of the guys, but that I didn't have the slightest desires to be one.

Thank God I sat next to a well dressed man with a great haircut on the train. He was reading GQ and listening to an old Judy Garland tape through his Walkman. We talked about the various options provided by brunch and exchanged recipes for crepes all the way to Mount Cisco, where his wife and kids were waiting for him on the platform.

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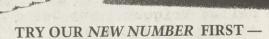
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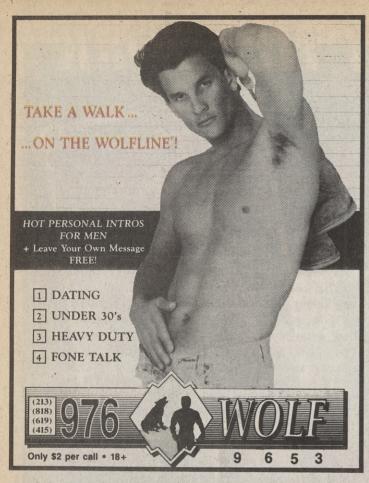
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The Holiday season is once again upon us. PIG-OUT TIME. Some events to help you start the season. Nov. 3rd, The Wreck Room will be holding an Auction for the Sacramento Pool League. Nov. 10th, (Wreck Room) community fund raising groups. Thanksgiving Buffet (Wreck Room (Nov. 21st, 8 PM. at the Townhouse: Nov. 11th, a benefit show to raise money for "Thanksgiving Food Baskets". Townhouse will be serving their "Traditional" Thanksgiving dinner, Thanksgiving Day, 4 to 9 PM. Joseph's Town and Country has a lot of weekly events going on. Check it out! Their Sunday is still going strong and it's only \$3.00. Here is something that you might want to check out. "Outlook" Lesbian/Gay video show (First Tuesday of every month) 10 PM, Cable 63 in Sacramento. Cap/Pac will hold their next meeting at The Town House, Nov. 19th (upstairs) 5:30 PM, Faces (Sacramento) has a full calendar of events for the next two months. Remember Nov. 6th, get out and vote! TIDBITS::::John S---remember, busy souls have no time to be busybodies. Bob P---nothing kills love like an overdose of it. Ray D---, Courtesy on one side can never last long.

I would like to take this moment to wish all of my readers "A Very Happy Thanksgiving.

+++++In Memory+++++
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WHEN YOU'RE FEELING FAT AND UGLY

By Cat Comiskey

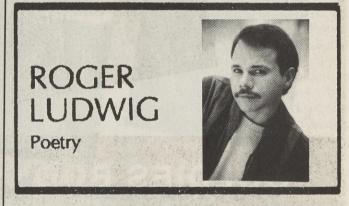
I always feel especially ugly when I walk by the make-up counter at Macys. There's not a dark circle or laugh line in the place, and the men are even prettier than "They can't be all human" I think to myself. "They must be part mannequin, part homo sapien". The women all look like good B movie actresses, fully prepared for an evening shoot. Those girls can precisely apply their lipstick exactly inside of their vermillion line everytime. Sometimes without even looking. And they love to prance around the counters with their taut little bodies. All streamlined and firm, they only have extra fat in the most fashionable places (like their breasts and lips). I hate them. And then there's the men. cheek bones are higher and more prominent than any notorious femme fate and they do more justice to a silk blouse than any woman I know.

These difference are, of course, all accentuated by those vicious make-up lights. The same lights that beautifully illuminate every salesgirl's face, accentuate every facial flaw. I just don't get it. They stand under those hot cosmetic lights all day every day and look more and more like Marilyn Monroe. My upper lip pools with sweat and my skin starts to look pasty and cadaverish. So, whenever I begin feeling intimidated by these beautiful metropolitan bombshells, I do any of the following to help me feel more attractive. Maybe these suggestions can work for you too when you're feeling particularly flabby or hideous.

- * Attend a movie with three of your ugliest friends.
- * Tour a fat farm.
- * Decorate your room with photos of Phyllis Diller, Margaret Thatcher, and Jessica Hahn

(before her plastic surgeries).

- * Rent and watch The Elephant Man.
- * Watch all of the people going in and out of a weight loss clinic.
- * Get out your high school biology book and look up "mutations" and "abnormalities".
- * Visit an art museum and compare your figure to that of the women portrayed in 17th Century art.
- * Watch footage of the Summer Olympics containing close ups of the Russian and East German athletes (notice their puffy, steroidal faces).
- * Compare your thigh size to that of Shelly Winter's and Roseanne Barr's.



The Admittance

Sky of dead ashes, Too many days of pain, Angry howls beneath the sun.

Hiding in his coat of shame, Behind his prisoned shield.

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For the way you were made.
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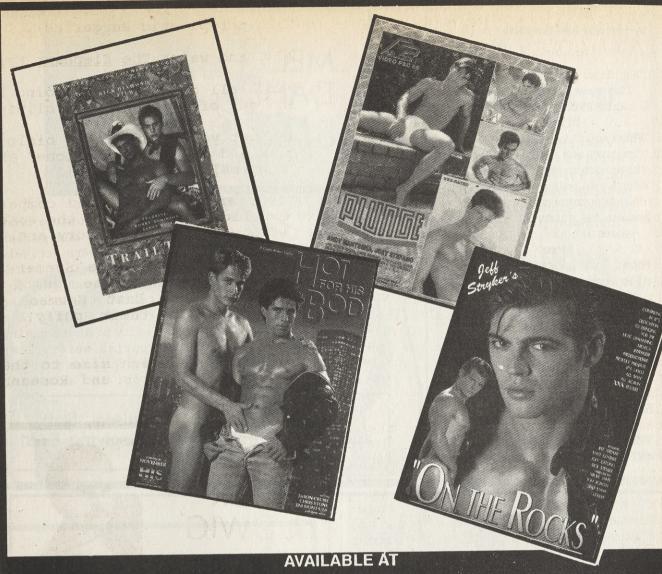
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are rumbling today.

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live anywhere that they can.
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Right where they are that is where I am.
When I come in silence I know they understand.

MEL DAHL In My Opinion



If I were to title this piece, it would be something along the lines of: "Confessions of A Civil Libertarian with Values."

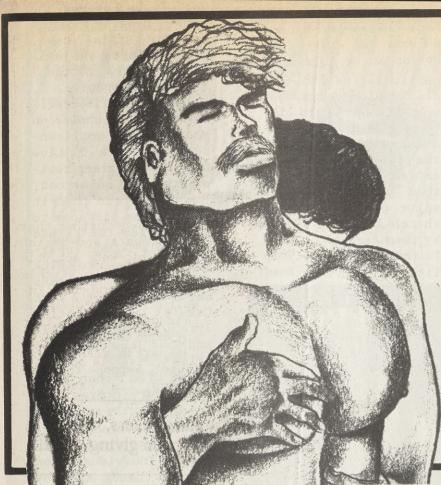
Suppose there were a Catholic church that was being used as a front for drug running and prostitution.

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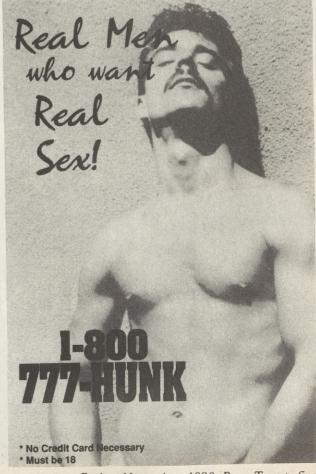
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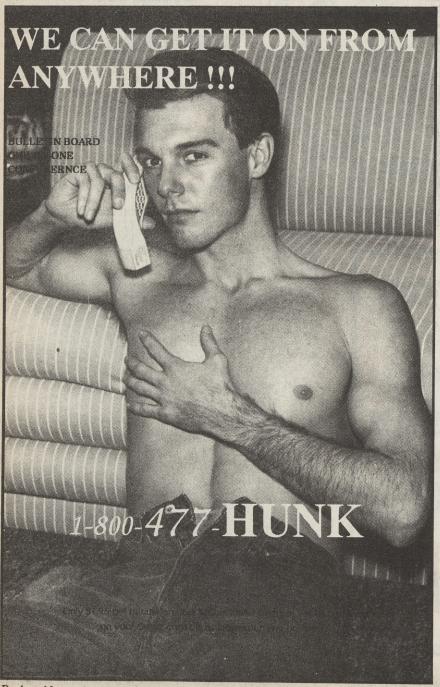
MANY ARE NOT! the situation, decided that things had become so bad his only real option was to close that particular parish.

I would assume that most bishops would like to open as many parishes as possible, and that the goal is establishing churches, not closing them down. Yet, in spite of that, this church is being closed by the hierarchy. Why? Is it because the bishop likes to close churches?

No. It is because the evil of closing a church is, in this case, preferable to the evil of leaving that particular church open.

As a civil libertarian who is pro-choice on abortion and anti-censorship where 2 Live Crew and NEA grant recipients are concerned, I must confess that it gets rather tiresome to take up for the rights of people I find repugnant. I happen to think abortion is a gross moral evil, that 2 Live woman-hating lyrics are reprehensible and that Jose Serrano's "Piss Christ" is no more a work of art than those words and pictures that are frequently are scribbled on bathroom walls. Yet, in a fight between those individuals on the one hand, and the forces of censorship and mixing of church and state on the other, I side with individual rights every time. Why?

Simply put, there is a greater evil afoot than the raw sewage emanating from 2 Live Crew, and that evil is a bid to have the state (or worse, the church) decide for us which ideas we can listen to and which we cannot. Jose Serrano's deliberate offensiveness to the religious values held dear by huge number of people in this country is less insidious than having the government decide which values have merit and which don't. And, the carnage of abortion as a means of birth control, while nothing to be proud of, is a lesser evil than the alternative, which



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is ceding ownership of our bodies to the state. Just like my hypothetical bishop trying to decide which course of action does the least amount of harm, opposing government regulation of personal areas doesn-'t mean I laud all of the side effects of nonregulation; it just means the alternative--giving the state power over our lives, our minds and our bodies -is even worse.

Now, let me make a proposal to those people working hard to ban

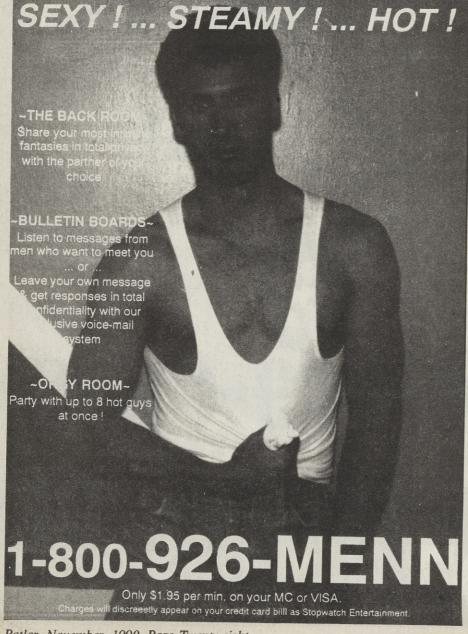
abortion and impose censorship: I share your revulsion toward the likes of Big Daddy Kane and Andrew Dice Clay; it's your proposed method--turning matter over to the state -- with which I take issue. Just because state shouldn't interfere in free speech and personal autonomy does not mean that nothing can be done.

So why don't you take just half the energy you are pumping into trying to reverse

into trying to reverse Roe v. Wade and instead

use it to remove the social conditions that produce so many abortions. Society could, if it wanted , turn children into a blessing rather than a burden. Let's create a society where people are taught to assume responsibility for their own actions, where having a child is not the end of a woman's career or education, where accessible and affordable day care is widely available, where families are not fragmented and dysfunctional, where pregnant women do not suffer employment discrimination, where fathers pay child support and are active in the lives of their children, and where people practice sex in a responsible fashion. Will that be the end of all abortions? No. But it will dramatically reduce them, and will truly make this a kinder, gentler nation. And it is a set of goals towards which many who are prochoice and anti-abortion could work together.

Suggestion Number 2: Let's take all of the just and righteous outrage now being directed at 2 Live Crew, Andrew Dice Clay, et al. and channel that anger, not at trying to stifle their obnoxious voices, but at eradicating the social conditions that enable them to do social harm. Let's put teeth into rape and sexual assault laws: let's enact tough hate-crimes laws protecting women and minorities from physical abuse; let's educate our people so that sexism, whether it



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manifests itself as rape or as patronization, is no longer socially acceptable; let's teach our children that it is un-cool to hate minorities; let's instill in our children the values of pluralism and the idea that all people have the right to be treated with dignity

have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. When we have succeeded in educating ourselves to that point, 2 Live Crew and Andrew Dice Clay will be lone voices crying in a wilderness where no one listens, and they

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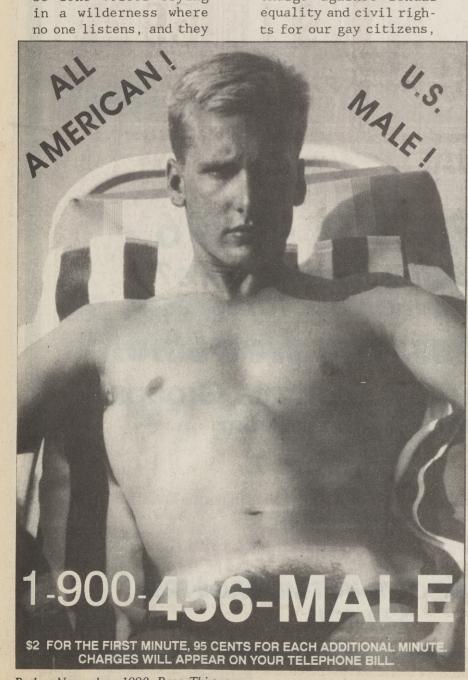
Jose Serrano and his crucifix submerged in urine? Religion has become an object of scorn and ridicule because recently it deser-

ves it. With one scandal after another among the television evangelists, with organized religion too often being used as a tool to become rich and powerful, with the church leading the charge against sexual equality and civil rights for our gay citizens,

it is only natural that religion should in some quarters be viewed with contempt. Religion needs to clean up its act and go back to the business of reconciliation, healing, nurturing and feeding. When the church returns to its first calling of showing love to an indifferent world; showing justice to an unfair world; and showing compassion to a world that does not give a damn then and only then will the blasphemy some people consider art fall into oblivion. Oh, sure. there will always be a select few who feel called to be destroyers. But it won't matter because they won't have an audience.

It's easier to call for a legislative solution to our offended values because that way we can continue to ignore the social conditions that gave power to these offenses. The sin of the Right Wing is not that its values have been offended but that it proposes to punish the offenders without remedying those offenders very real causes for complaint.

Historically, government has always been a bull in a china shop when it has intervened in social problems. The more legislative involvement, the worse the problems typically become so that administrative "solutions" are frequently worse than the problem itself. We don't need more Big Brother; what we need is to own up to the true causes of these problems and fix them ourselves.





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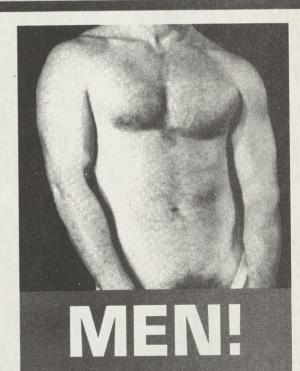
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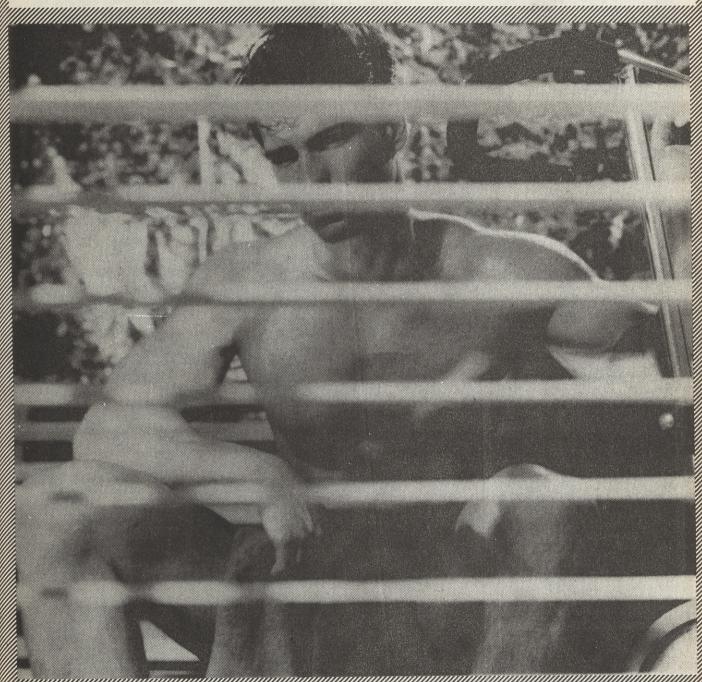
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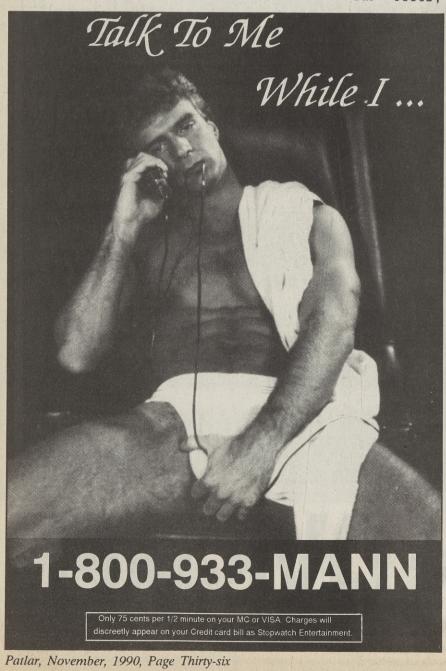
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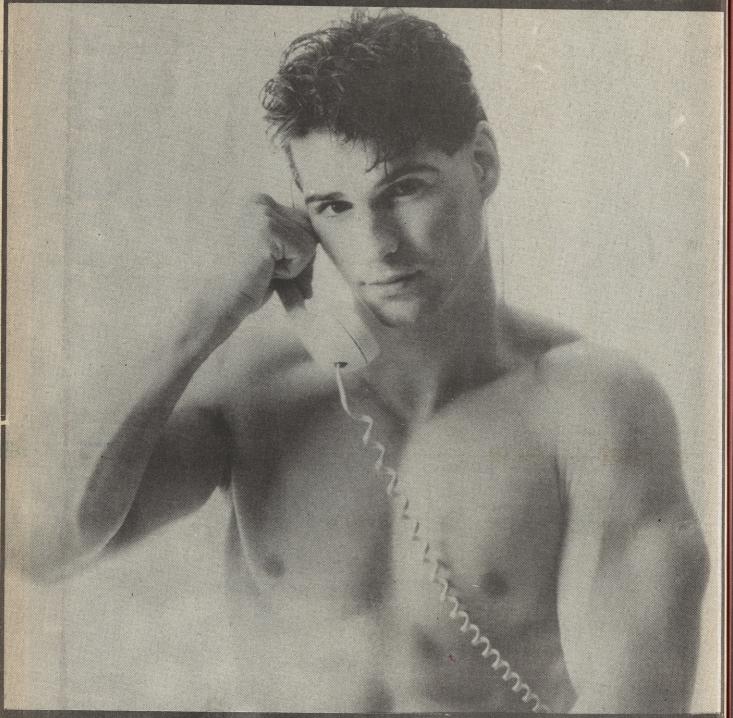
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